

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/651,980

Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/14/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Claims 1-12 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-12 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-4 are allowable because prior art fails to teach or suggest, either alone or in combination, a driving device for display period control of organic light emitting diode (OLED), which can control the grayscale of the OLED of every scan period connected to the driving device, comprising: a current buffer, connected to an external current source; a switching unit, connected to an external precharge voltage source, a pulse width modulation (PWM) grayscale control unit, connected to an external memory and the switching unit for controlling, switching unit for connecting the current buffer and the OLED; controlling the switching unit for connecting the OLED and the GNDA until a second duration is due when the grayscale display duration is due; controlling the switching unit for connecting the OLED and the GNDA until a third duration is due when the second duration is due; wherein the display period is sum of the first, the second and the third durations.

Claims 5-8 are allowable because prior art fails to teach or suggest, either alone or in combination, a method for display period control of organic light emitting diode (OLED) for a grayscale display, where a display period including precharge, display and discharge phases is

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set beforehand, comprising the steps of: receiving image data; calculating grayscale display duration according to the image data; precharging the OLED within the precharge phase; supplying a constant current continuously to aid OLED for the grayscale display until grayscale display duration is due; discharging the OLED until the display phase is due; and discharging the OLED until the discharge phase is due.

Claims 9-12 are allowable because prior art fails to teach or suggest, either alone or in combination, a driving device for display period control of organic light emitting diode (OLED), which can control the grayscale of the OLED of every scan period connected to the driving device, comprising: a current buffer, connected to an external current source; a switching unit, connected to an external precharge voltage source, a pulse width modulation (PWM) grayscale control unit, connected to an external memory and the switching unit for controlling, switching unit for connecting the current buffer and the OLED; controlling the switching unit for connecting the OLED and the GNDA until a second duration is due when the grayscale display duration is due; controlling the switching unit for connecting the OLED and the GNDA until a third duration is due when the second duration is due; wherein the display period is sum of the first, the second and the third durations.

Prior art does disclose similar art although not entirely as claimed.

Tsuchi et al. (US Patent No: 6,346,993 B1) teaches of a selector for selecting either of the storage units based upon a polarity signal, and selectively outputting reference data corresponding to the standard or modulated state based upon modulation information comparing entered data and the reference data output from the selector, however, but fails to teach of all the components and their inter-connections as claimed.

Saito et al. (US Application No : 2002/0039090 A1) teaches of a grayscale mode circuit configured to determine a grayscale number of the digital grayscale data based on a grayscale model signal supplied from the outside but fails to teach of all the components as claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, filed 3/14/2006, with respect to claims 1-12 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-12 has been withdrawn.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tammy Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-7773. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:30 (Mon-Fri).

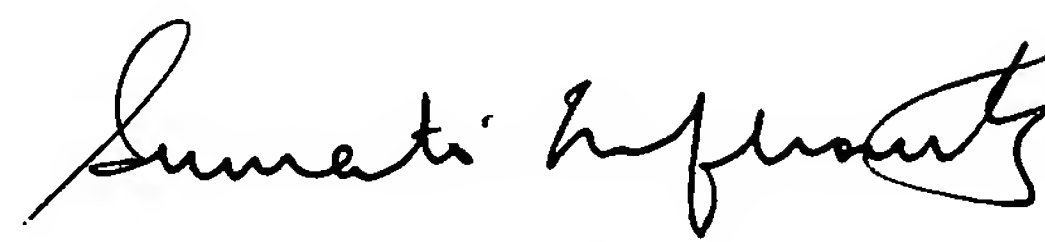
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sumati Lefkowitz can be reached on (571) 272-3638. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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